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DEATH OF ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several animals have died in the National Zoological Parks/Sanctuaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof of, park-wise and sanctuary-wise;

(c) the steps proposed/taken in this regard so far; and

(d) the amount spent for upkeep of parks/sanctuaries during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) There are reports of death of animals in the National Zoological Park, New Delhi and Sanctuaries.

(b) The details of the animals that died in the National Zoological Park Delhi during the period April 2006 to February, 2007 are as follows:-

Mammals	- 26
Birds	11
Reptiles	- 02
Total	39

Death of wild animals is attributed to natural as well as human induced factors. Information in respect of death of animals in the sanctuaries are not collated.

(c) The following major steps have been taken to improve the health and upkeep of the animals in the National Zoological Park, New Delhi and provide protection to the animals, in sanctuaries.

(i) A daily Report register is maintained for each animals by the Zoo Keeper. The regular visits in side the park undertaken by the zoo officers to maintain the health of the animals.

(ii) There are two Veterinarians in the National Zoological Park to provide medical assistance in case of any necessity.

(iii) Necessary hygienic conditions are maintained in the National Zoological Park to prevent the animals against injuries and disease.

(iv) Legal protection has been provided to wild animals against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wild Life(Protection) Act, 1972.

(v) Several rare and endangered species of wild animals have been included in the Schedules of Wild Life(Protection) Act, 19712, thereby giving them the highest degree of protection.

(vi) The Wild Life(Protection) Act, 1972 has been amended and made more stringent. The punishment in cases of offences have been enhanced.

(vii) Financial and technical assistance is provided to the States under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz. Project Tiger, Project Elephant and Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries for enhancing the capacity and infrastructure of the States for providing effective protection to wild animals in protected areas.

(d) The amount spent for the upkeep of the National Zoological Park Delhi during the current year is Rs. 586.19 lakhs

As regard, development of Protected Areas including Sanctuaries the assistance is provided under three major schemes namely (1) Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries (2) Project Tiger (3) Project Elephant. The amount released under these schemes during the current year is Rs. 93.86 crores.